

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction between Group I, claims 1, 25, 28 and 32-34; Group II, claims 2, 26, and 29; Group III, claims 3 and 30; and Group IV, claims 4-24 and 31. As discussed with the Examiner, these claims are not the currently pending claims.

Originally filed claims 1-34 were amended during the PCT stage. In particular, the claims were amended by an Article 19 amendment. The amended claims under Article 19 were submitted with the submission under 35 U.S.C. 371 on April 27, 2006. Applicants are not able to make an election at this time because some of the claims subject to restriction have been canceled.

Applicants also note that because this case is a 371 filing, the PCT unity of invention standard should apply rather than the US restriction standard.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 448252001300. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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